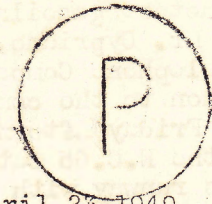
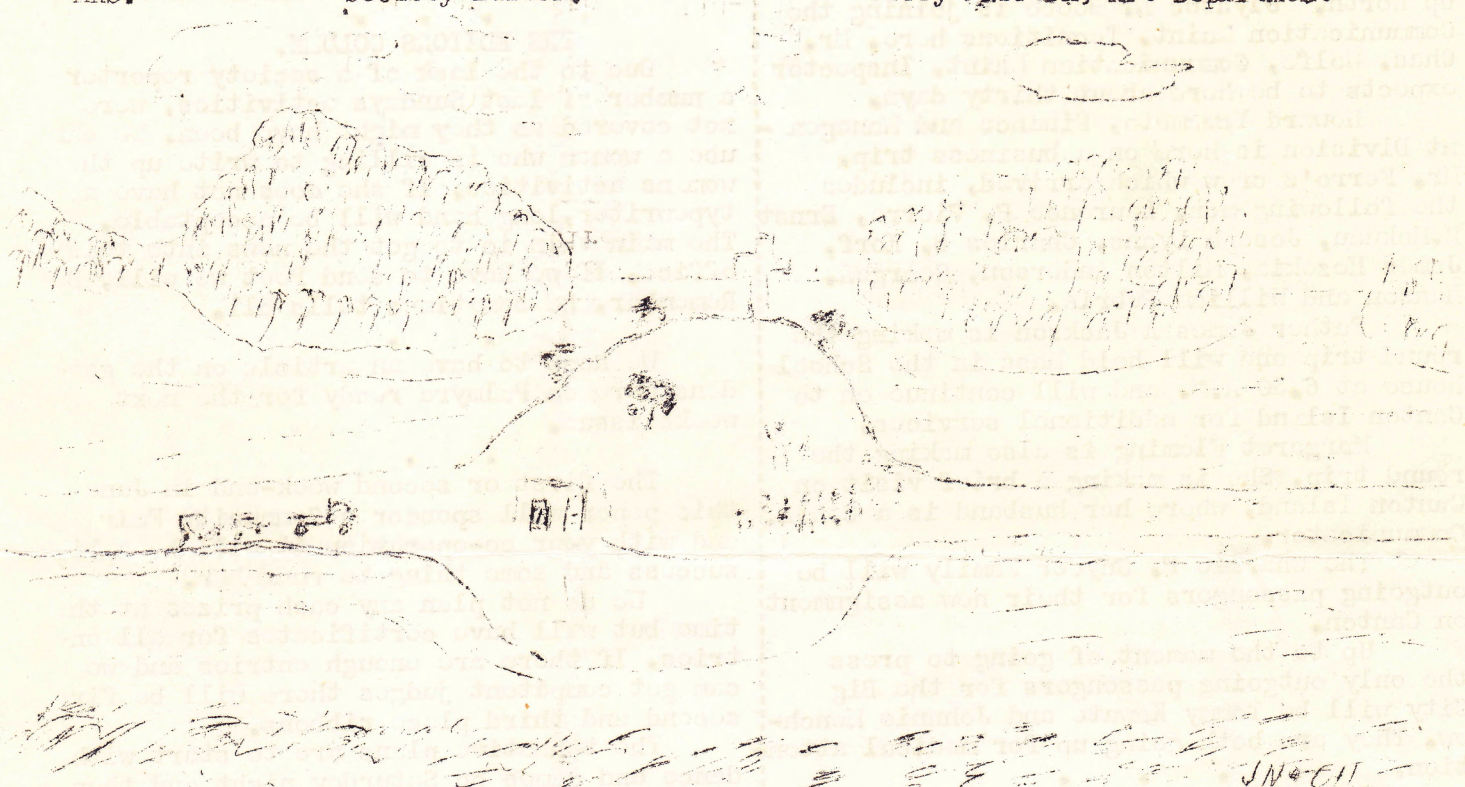




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The First Easter Sunrise Service held by civilians on Palmyra Island as seen by Poots Birdseye Camera. Palmyra Circle Photo.

EASTER ON PALMYRA ISLAND.

About 6.40 A.M. the families started assembling for the Sunrise Service and as the sun rose above the ocean, the service started with the singing of Onward Christians Soldiers.

Twenty-five adults and fifteen children attended the first Easter Sunrise Service since the C.A.A. took over from the navy in 1947.

Much credit for the success of the service is due to two ladies. Mrs. Pollard called on the families and told them of the planned service. Mrs. Snyder was responsible for the children's part of the service. Several other ladies assisted her.

The cross was put up by a number of the men. The service was conducted by the editor who also gave a very short sermon.

After the service a number of the families had guests for a late Easter Breakfast.

At 10. A.M. Mrs. Charlie Snyder held the

the first Sunday School class we have had in many months.

The children's Easter Egg Hunt sponsored by Mrs. Louise Barnes and the assistance of a number of the other women, started around three P.M. It was held at the old Aerology Station grounds and from all reports was a big success.

Most of the families attended a special Easter Supper at the hotel. Mrs. Pollard and Mrs. Henchow were responsible for the special decorations in the dining room. Some of the other women may have assisted but we do not have the names available.

AIRPORT NEWS.

The regular navy flight brought in 26 pounds of Air Mail and two Passengers for Palmyra Mr. Ferro, who has his crew of eight men to follow on the W.C. 65 later in the continued on page two.

Airport News continued from page 1
They have a big job installing new Aviation, motor gasoline and Diesel pipe lines.

Mr. Cypriano, on leave from the Mutual Telephone Company is here to make an addition to the communication cable.

Friday Afternoon shortly after Four P.M. the N.C.65 set its wheels down on Palmyra's runway with quite a number of passengers and a big load of cargo for here.

Eugenio Fontanilla of the galley staff return after being on leave in the Big City up North. Ulysses E. Beebe is joining the Communication Maint. Technicians here. Mr. Chas. Wolfe, Communication Maint. Inspector expects to be here about thirty days.

Howard Yamamoto, Finance and Management Division is here on a business trip. Mr. Ferro's crew which arrived, includes the following men. Laurence P. Viera, Ernest H. Mokuau, Joseph Lyons, Charles B. Korf, James Hezekiah, Milton Anderson, George A. Hanson and William Pobria.

Father James A Jackson is making the round trip and will hold Mass in the School house at 6.30 A.M. and will continue on to Canton Island for additional services.

Margaret Fleming is also making the round trip. She is making a brief visit on Canton Island, where her husband is a C.A.A. Communicator.

The Charlie P. Snyder Family will be outgoing passengers for their new assignment on Canton.

Up to the moment of going to press the only outgoing passengers for the Big City will be Tommy Kawato and Johnnie Henchew. They are both going up for medical attention.

MISSING SOCIETY REPORTER FOUND.
Dear Boss:

First i got good news for you. da society reporter you been send to nEnge island las year is foun. no wonder i got hard time for see da mare las week. she's da mare secretary an run his office more stric dan mEre Wilson in Honolulu.

i tink mabe daisy watson make good reporter, she got no small keiko for keep her home. wEn da subscriba phone in dey got no paper an i go look. i always fine da delivery boy drink coffee at da watson house. she mus be good cook so i tink she can also cook up da news.

regards da easter sunrise service i no can take da picher from da runway an lison da mares speech on poonchbool same time. da cares have for drive slo on da road for go up poonchbool. shurb palmyra got poonchbool same as Honolulu., dey both got long winding roads for reach da top. long time ago da Honolulu poonchbool spout fire an hot lave. dUring da pas war da palmyra poonchbool been ready for spout hot lead for defense da islands. da one up north got guava bushes ours

got seavoli an pisonia grande also some young coconut trees.

da families been turn out in force an i tink dat some of da wahines been jealous cause addie stood have new easter bonnet. dose wahines got no eye least some of dem. what dat gal cant do with some holciotrope blossms an one piece of ribbon.

yOurs trooly, peet.

p.s. boss is da employies of dis paper barred from entering da mares lei day contest next sUnday. aFter all its da mares contes.

THE EDITORS COLUMN.

Due to the lack of a society reporter a number of last Sundays activities, were not covered as they might have been. We can use a woman who is willing to write up the womens activities. If she does not have a typewriter, long hand will be acceptable. The main thin is to get the news into this office. If we have to send Peet we will, BT Remember, he sometimes tells all.

We hope to have an article on the gardens here on Palmyra ready for the next weeks issue.

The first or second week-end in June this paper will sponcor a Community Fair and with your co-operation it will be a big success and some thing to remember.

We do not plan any cash prizes at this time but will have certificates for all entries. If there are enough entries and we can get competent judges there will be first, second and third place ribbons.

The tentative plans are to start with dance and games on Saturday night and then the following morning the exhibits will be set up and aranged and about 1 P.M. they will be opened to the public.

We are open for suggestions but would like to see as many vegetables and fruit or nut products as possible. A Cat and Dog show chickens, rabbits and your other birds.

A hobby section etc., The good cooks among the women might enter some of their bread, cakes and pies. There will be nothing to stop the men from entering these items if they want to.

It will take a lot of work, but if we can put it across and the bigger it is, the more each member of the community will gain of what can and has been done here. You might even learn how some of the things are done.

Can anybody recall the days when the law of supply and demand was permitted to function? (the above was taken from a mainland paper) Huff Said, we hope.

Part No. 6

FARMERS OF THE BLUE PACIFIC

From the Sunday Polynesian of January 2, 1949

He began cautiously, mixing it with other feeds in ever-increasing amounts, constantly recording and checking changes in the animals weight and milk production. After twelve years, his carefully kept, charts proved beyond a doubt that in the nuisance-breeding heaps behind the canneries was a feed about half as valuable pound for pound as the best rolled barley. He announced the facts in a series of reports widely publicized by the pineapple industry. This was in 1923. By 1946, nearly \$6,000,000 worth of the starch and sugar-high bran had been sold to farmers who substituted it for feeds twice as expensive. Now, fortified with soya beans and molasses, it is so much in demand that the 100-lb bags still warm from the coolers, are informally rationed among the dairymen in the islands.

Honke, a quiet, modest man with a shock of graying hair that persistently falls down over his forehead, has another agricultural triumph to his credit. When he arrived at the University of Hawaii in 1916, he saw that cane molasses, the non-crystallized part of the juice, was a much neglected by-product of the sugar industry. Sugar growers elsewhere sold it to distilleries for the manufacturing of alcoholic liquor, but perhaps because of the Hawaiian sugar industry's missionary background, local producers never trafficked in the demon Rum. They poured waste molasses like glue into the sea or disposed of it for \$3.70 a ton when someone wanted it for fertilizer.

It was an unattractive, almost overpoweringly strong, stick mess to work with and farmers were prejudiced against it. But Honke mixed it with other feeds and tried it on the "cow-critters" and hogs at the University farm until he was convinced that it was a good partial substitute for some imported feeds costing \$40 and \$50 a ton.

To be continued next week.

Part No. 3

"MRS. ROBINSON CRUSOE"

by; Idelle S. Mong.

Published in Wide World, July 1923. London.

As we drew near the islands we observed great clusters of white objects in the overhanging branches of the trees by the waters edge. We commented on this discovery and were at a loss to know what they were. "Oh, the beautiful morning glories," said the skipper. "I have heard of large ones, but never dreamed they were as large as that".

When we drew nearer we found that the

"beautiful morning-glories" were huge sea-birds on their nests in the branches. At last we reached the outermost atoll, known as Home Islet. It was here that the only sign of habitation on the group existed. This was the shack built by the owner of the islands.

We tied up our boat and walked to the front of the lonely-looking, weather-beaten house. Silence prevailed except for the cries of the disturbed sea-birds. The rusty door knob fell to the ground at a touch and the swollen door refused to open. After explaining over each and every discovery around this long deserted habitation we proceeded to explore the island. We found it almost round and covered about three acres in area. Numbers of hermit crabs were everywhere. I had never seen any kind of a crab which inhabited a shell before, so much interested in examining them. It seemed impossible that Nature has not given them a shell of their own; but so it is, and they hunt up discarded shells of a certain sea-slug and appropriate them for their own. At my approach they would draw themselves into their rough shell houses, clench their pinchers across the opening, and roll over backwards. They would remain like this till everything became quiet; then would cautiously come out and creep away with their cumbersome houses trailing behind.

To be continued next week.

Stuart Monchow, celebrated his fourteenth Birthday last Thursday by having a few of his friends for dinner that evening.

Reports from Bob Steed are that he and Addie have been getting radishes from their garden for some time, also that the Steed-Moony Banana Plantation is growing. Now if the rats will only leave the fruit alone.

The Hangerville Nursery and Orchid Shoppe reports that there has been less than three inches of rain so far this month and that it is going to be a very dry month.

Word is going around that the new control station is supposed to be in operation by Monday night.

Charlie Snyders relief did not come in on 65 this week so it looks like Frank Haller will be acting M.T.I.C. for a while.

A THOUGHT FOR THIS WEEK.

Unselfish service is about the best contribution that a man can make to his day and generation.

FROM THE MAIL BAG.

News from Freddie Sherman on Wake Island tells us that Joe Carvalho had to be rushed to Honolulu for medical treatment.

He also says to tell Otto, that you can not raise frogs in salt water.

A paragraph from Kay and Barney Hall's letter to Bob Hall. "We have a Chinese cook book which has an old Chinese saying, 'Anything that fills the stomach is good food.' 'Those people sure practice what they preach', as proof are their displays of such delicacies as dried roaches, sea cucumbers, shark fins etc. As that guy starring in Lil Abner's column says - Urp! "

Barney Hall was here a number of times during the war and returned with his wife Kay, in March of 1947. He was Chief Communicator here until his transfer to Manila.

When he was not on duty he was either out fishing or operating the Ham Rig down in the old Ham shack on Mong Island.

HERE AND THERE.

The past two Sundays has seen quite a number of the bachelors and married men heading for the Eastern end of the island. We understand that they have been clearing the trees from the roads and also repairing a number of the wash-outs.

Wonder what the Hero has hidden under those two piles of dirt in front of his place?

L.B. Howard Hoony, delivering the Star Bulletin which arrived on the M.C. 65. The Nortons are happy, their two boxes finally arrived.

Overheard at the hanger, "Who is that lady with Mrs. Mathiows?" "Oh- Oh. We see some of the ladies up there so seldom, we have to look twice. "That's not for Publication" "Look at the two short timers sitting there together." (Kawato and Honchow)

Several Pintail ducks in the ponds on the other side of the runway.

P.Y. having a chat with Father Jackson in the hotel lobby. Mrs. Kimberling, showing Mrs. Margaret Fleming around. Skipper Copeland and his navigator chatting with a pretty little red headed lady from the Bureau of Standards. Trueman watching to see that no scratches were made in the deck, while the heavy cargo was being unloaded. One of the biggest P&S men carrying the smallest packages while Bob Hall was carrying some of the largest also the lightest.

Mr. Ferro looking for bridge partners. Mokuau with a big smile, glad to be back on Palmyra. Howard Yamamoto with a camera draped around his neck. TIDE GREAT, up on 65's wing filling the tanks with gas. Brownie, checking the engines while two gentlemen coiled rope after the cargo was removed.

LEI DAY CONTEST NEWS.

The Mayors Lei Day contest will be held next Sunday, May 1st., in the old library next to the recreation hall.

All leis to be entered must be delivered there between 12 and 12.30 P.M. The judging will start at 1 P.M. .

There will be three classes of leis for the cash prizes. Adults, Children and Tiny Tots.

There will also be an open class for which any type of leis may be entered and for which ribbons (on paper) will be awarded.

The Adult and Childrens leis for the cash prizes, must be made from flowers or plants or some other object that is found growing on the island or the reefs.

The Tiny Tots, will be allowed to enter leis made of anything.

All of the leis will be given numbers when they are placed on display. These numbers will be used in the judging. Due to a small population we feel that in fairness to the exhibitors we might not be able to get competent judges who were not in the contest. All of the judging will be by popular vote. Ballots will be given out and everyone seeing the show will vote for what they think is the best three leis in each class.

The exact time for checking the balls is not known at present, but as soon as they are counted the prizes will be awarded.

If any of the rules are not clear, you can check with the editor.

The main thing in the Adult and Childrens sections is that the lei be of something that is not manufactured and then shipped to Palmyra, such as bottle caps or cloth or paper. Leis made of such articles will be placed in the general class.

Lei Day was originated by the Poet, Don Blandins (he is also the author of a number of books about Hawaii.) about thirty years ago.

Each year it is celebrated in the islands and in Honolulu, there is big pageant at the University Of Hawaii. The Lei Queen and her court plus the different groups of hula dancers who perform, are a must for tourists and photographers. Thousands attend the show at the University.

In years gone by, it used to be held outside the city hall but had to be moved to a better location on account of the crowd attending.

Each of the schools in the Territory have their own queens and their own pageants. A large lei contest and exhibit is held in the patio of Honolulu Hale, thousands also attend this.